

Application No. 09/715,935

claim 39 is directed to simultaneously depositing particles over the entire substrate surface. Furthermore, the Bernecki patent does not describe particle production or deposition rates. Thus, the Bernecki patent does not make up for the deficiencies of the Rao patent with respect to claims 56-61. Therefore, the combined disclosures of the Rao patent and the Bernecki do not render claims 39-41 or 56-61 prima facie obvious.

In summary, the combined disclosures of the Rao patent and the Bernecki patent do not render Applicants' invention prima facie obvious. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 18-20, 23, 25, 27-29, 39-41, 56 and 58-61 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Rao patent in view of the Bernecki patent.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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